

A RESOLUTION to honor Richard B. Carothers, Jr. for his lifetime of contributions to the Paris and Henry County communities.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected Representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those outstanding citizens who through unfailing devotion and determination have made significant achievements in their professions and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard B. Carothers, Jr. is one such person who has earned the respect of the citizens of Paris and Henry County, this Assembly, and the state of Tennessee for his numerous contributions to business, his church, and the community; and

WHEREAS, with remarkable leadership skills, Mr. Carothers successfully directs the activities of the H.C. Spinks Clay Company as the presiding Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his lofty position in the clay industry, Mr. Carothers has been heavily involved in the cattle industry, holding the distinguished position of Regional Vice President for the National Cattlemen's Association and also serving as a representative on the National Livestock and Meat Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carothers has revealed himself as a diligent upholder of the great volunteer tradition of the state of Tennessee by devoting twenty-two years of his life to the Board of Trustees of the Henry County Medical Center, which he served as Chairman for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carothers' health care affiliations also include being a member of the American Hospital Association Council on Nursing, representing Tennessee Hospitals at

Council meetings, the Chairman of the Trustees Council of the Tennessee Hospital Association, and a member of the National Congress of Hospital Governing Boards of the American Hospital Association; and

WHEREAS, a most fitting culmination of a lifetime of accomplishments in health care was the recent dedication of the Richard B. Carothers, Jr. Medical Arts Building at the Henry County Medical Center: an appropriate accolade to a selfless and inspiring visionary who has made countless contributions in this field; and

WHEREAS, though long admired and respected for his vital work in business and health care, Mr. Carothers has also made other contributions to Paris and Henry County of which even a brief listing is inspiring; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carothers has been a member and leader of the Boy Scouts of America for over 30 years, presiding over the West Tennessee Council and receiving the Silver Beaver Award and the prestigious Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, he also served as Magistrate of the County Court for six years, was Regional Chairman of the American Ceramic Society, where he received the distinguished "Hewitt Wilson Award", and received the 1993 Paris and Henry County Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carothers has not only shown his commitment to his community, but he has also shown, through his selfless commitment to the Grace Episcopal Church, his devotion to God; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carothers proudly shared the many joys and triumphs in his life for fifty-one years with his late wife, Ms. Marjorie D. Carothers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carothers continues to share his accomplishments with two beloved children, R.B. "Dickie" Carothers III and Ann Carothers Kowalsky, and his three precious grandchildren, Michael Carothers, Chris Carothers, and Leigh Ann Kowalsky and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carothers is truly an outstanding individual and model Tennessean whose life serves as a shining example of the virtues of hard work and dedication; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Mr. Richard B. Carothers, Jr. for his numerous contributions to business, health care, his church, family, and the entire community.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Carothers with this final resolving clause deleted from such copy.